

Korean War Veterans Memorial

West end of the National Mall

Southwest Washington, D.C.

Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom (23rd and I Streets) or Smithsonian



The [Korean War Veterans Memorial](#) honors the one-and-a-half million U.S. men and women who served in Korea (1950-1954) for their sacrifices under trying circumstances in service to their country and the cause of freedom. The completed memorial was dedicated on July 27, 1995, the 42nd anniversary of the armistice that ended the Korean War.

This memorial features the “field of service,” statues of 19-foot soldiers depicting a squad on patrol, reflecting in a black granite mural wall etched with images of more than 2,400 unnamed service men and women. These images of nurses, chaplains, crew chiefs, mechanics, and other support personnel symbolize the countless ways in which Americans answered the call to duty.

A granite curb on the north side of the statues lists the numbers of those killed, wounded, missing in action, and prisoners of war. Opposite this counting, the granite wall bears a message: “Freedom is Not Free.”

The memorial is open daily, except December 25, with a Park Ranger on site from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. There are no fees to visit the memorial.

Korean War Veterans Memorial Links

- [Korean War Veterans Memorial NPS Website](#)
- [Korean War Veterans Memorial NPS In-Depth Website](#)

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